

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Hopewell, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

August 3, 2017 to September 1, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

TransCanada – Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) is proposing improvements to an existing pipeline right-of-way in the City of Hopewell. The proposed project would be conducted under a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 157, Subpart F (Blanket Automatic Authorization). A drainage channel has eroded a segment of the VM-118 and VM-119 pipelines' right-of-way, exposing the pipelines which run parallel to each other. Columbia is planning pipeline remediation activities that would include installing environmental protection and re-establishing grade to cover the pipelines within the eroded area. Columbia would install structural reinforcement, as needed, and would repair the drainage channel. To make the appropriate pipeline exposure repairs, Columbia would require the use of a portion of the right-of-way (approximately 50 feet by 230 feet) as well as a staging area outside of the right-of-way (approximately 200 feet by 15 feet) and an access road (approximately 975 feet by 10 feet). According to the FCC, the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia CZM Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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